

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed March 30, 2006 has been entered; no new claims have been introduced.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 6, 8, 9 and 12-15 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose a liquid crystal display device comprising, **inter alia**, first spacers and second spacers formed on a main surface of a substrate, and arranged between pixel electrodes of adjacent pixel regions; said first spacers directly contacting a stacked structure formed on a second substrate; and said second spacers spaced from the stacked structure. The above limitations in combination with other claim limitations are not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art nor would it be obvious to modify the references of record so as to yield the device of the instant application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A. Sefer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1921.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915.

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